

Certification by Reciprocity in Kentucky

Reciprocity in Kentucky is only available to court interpreters who have passed a Consortium court interpreting oral performance exam and/or who have passed the certification examination offered by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (Federal written and oral exams in available languages).

Requirements to be considered for reciprocity in Kentucky are as follows:

- Pass an equivalent oral examination in another state. The following criteria must be met in order for the exam to be considered valid:
 - The exam must have been developed by the Consortium for Language Access in the Courts. Federal oral exams offered by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts also satisfy this requirement.
 - The exam must have tested all modes of interpreting in one sitting, except in those cases in which a language is tested using an official Consortium Abbreviated Exam.
 - The candidate must have passed the exam with a score of at least 70% on each segment of the exam. This requirement will be enforced even if the candidate's cumulative total score is above 70%.
- Pass a criminal history background check to the satisfaction of the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts.
- Submit verification of good standing as an interpreter in another state.
- Submit a completed [Request for Reciprocity](#) form and pay a fee of \$50.
- Read the Code of Professional Responsibility and other relevant laws and procedures that govern interpreting services in Kentucky.
- Sign an oath administered by the Kentucky Court of Justice (KCOJ) swearing or affirming to uphold the Code of Professional Responsibility for interpreters in Kentucky Courts.

Please contact Kentucky's Court Interpreting Services Division prior to completing the Application for Kentucky Reciprocity Certification in order to ensure that you meet all the requirements for reciprocity.

Kentucky reserves the right to grant reciprocity on a case-by-case basis.